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SUBJ: ALASKA HIGHWAY - HAINES RECONSTRUCTION

REF: OTTAWA 1063

1. PUBLIC WORKS OFFICIAL ADVISED TCO APRIL 2 CABINET MEMORANDUM SEEKING AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH USG WAS IN OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER DRURY. HAS NOT YET BEEN REVIEWED BY HIM BUT OUR SOURCE CONFIDENT HE WILL ACCEPT IT FOR FORWARDING TO CABINET AS HIS PROPOSAL. OTHER DEPARTMENTS NOT FORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH DOCUMENT IN PRESENT FORM BUT WE UNDERSTAND FROM THIS SOURCE AND FROM FULFORD (EXTAFF) THAT WIDE RANGE OF AGREEMENT NOW REACHED AMONG OFFICIALS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF FHWA/GOC DISCUSSIONS. FULFORD ADDED THOUGH THAT ISSUES PREVIOUSLY OF CONCERN TO AGENCIES MAY ALSO ARISE AT CABINET COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION.

2. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT MINISTER MOST ACTIVELY INVOLVED FROM SUBSTANTIVE VIEWPOINT HAS GIVEN PROJECT A PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT. PUBLIC WORKS SOURCE ADVISED
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TCO THAT INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS MINISTER BUCHANAN

IN EARLY MARCH SPEECH TO WHITEHORSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCLUDED FOLLOWING PASSAGE: "THIS MAJOR PAVING PROJECT IS CERTAINLY NOT TO BE DISMISSED LIGHTLY AND I HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES AND I JUST WANTED TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE PURSUING ACTIVELY AND VIGOROUSLY DISCUSSION WITH THE UNITED STATES."

3. ALSO, WE ARE ADVISED ENVIRONMENT CANADA HAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PANEL TO PREPARE GUIDLINES WITH A VIEW TO ENGAGING CONSULTANT IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS OF PROJECT IN GOC PRIOR FHWA CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE APRIL 10. PORTER

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